

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A sub-calibresub-caliber projectile comprising:

a sub-caliber penetrator dimensioned to have a caliber less than the caliber of a barrel for firing the penetrator, said penetrator having a lengthwise central axis;

a calibred sabot formed ofsabot dimensioned to have a caliber substantially equal to said barrel caliber and comprising at least two segments and surrounding asub-calibresaid sub-caliber penetrator, wherein: to be fired in a barrel, characterized in that

said sabot incorporatescomprises at least three substantially calibred support seats, then having said barrel caliber and including a forward support seat, a median support seat and a rear support seat seats, axially spaced from one another along said lengthwise axis, and

said forward support seat comprises a profile for causing separation of said at least two segments from the sabot upon exiting a barrel.

2. (Currently Amended) A The projectile according to Claim 1, characterized in that the wherein the axial distance between said two supports being the furthest apart is greater than or equal to 3 calibers not less than three times the barrel caliber.

3. (Currently Amended) A The projectile according to Claim 1, characterized in that further comprising a band, wherein a median of said at least one support seats, called median support seat, is formed by comprises a push plate (PP) incorporating having at least one groove to receive a said band, and said push plate axially median support seat is located axially between said two other support seats.

4. (Currently Amended) A The projectile according to Claim 3, characterized in that wherein said push plate (PP) is positioned at a—an axial distance from a median transverse plane (PM), said plane being orthogonal to said penetrator and passing through the center of gravity of said projectile, said distance being between 0.5 and 1.5 calibers times the barrel caliber.

5. (Currently Amended) A The projectile according to Claim 4, characterized in thatwherein said forward support seat is constituted bycomprises radial arms evenly spaced—angularly spaced around the axis of said sabot.

6. (Currently Amended) A The projectile according to Claim 5, characterized in thatwherein each said arm carries comprises a foot of comprising a plastic material at its end for ensuring the guidance of said sabot in said a barrel.

7. (Currently Amended) A The projectile according to Claim 1, characterized in thatwherein said rear support seat is constituted bycomprises radial studs, evenly spaced—angularly spaced around said sabot.

8. (Currently Amended) A The projectile according to Claim 7, characterized in thatwherein each said radial stud is integral with a segment of said sabot.

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9. (Withdrawn) A projectile according to Claim 7, characterized in that each said radial stud formed by the juxtaposition of two parts, each integral with a separate segment of said sabot.

10. (Withdrawn) A projectile according to Claim 9, characterized in that each said radial stud carries a foot of a friction resistant material, for example steel, ensuring the guidance of said sabot in said barrel.